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THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE
ON SEPTEMBER 23:

BEGIN QUOTE. THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT
AN APPLICATION BY WESTCOAST TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED TO
CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL PIPELINE FACILITIES IN NORTH-
EASTERN BRITISH COLUMBIA WILL BE HEARD PUBLICLY ON NOVEMBER 12
IN OTTAWA. A DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 31 HAS BEEN SET FOR THE FILING
OF INTERVENTIONS WITH THE BOARD.

WESTCOAST PLANS TO EXTEND ITS EXISTING GATHERING SYSTEM
TO TAP NATURAL GAS RESERVES IN THE HELMET AREA, NORTHEAST OF
FORT NELSON IN THE PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. THE NEW 16-INCH
PIPELINE WOULD BE 31.4 MILES IN LENGTH AND COST AN ESTIMATED
\$8.2 MILLION.

ESTIMATES OF PROVED AND PROBABLE RESERVES IN THE
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AREA TRIBUTARY TO THE HELMET GATHERING LINE ARE IN THE

ORDER OF 219.12 BILLION CUBIC FEET ACCORDING TO
WESTCOAST'S CALCULATIONS.

WESTCOAST'S PRESENT FACILITIES CONSIST OF SOME
794 MILES OF GATHERING SYSTEM AND SOME 1,374 MILES OF
MAIN TRANSMISSION LINE WHICH ARE USED TO DELIVER GAS TO
CONSUMERS IN CANADA AND IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE MAJOR CUSTOMERS SUPPLIED BY WESTCOAST ARE
BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER AUTHORITY, INLAND
NATURAL GAS CO. LTD. AND PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD.
IN CANADA AND THE NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION IN
THE UNITED STATES. END QUOTE.
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